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# Media Advisory

## HIALEAH COACH MAKES A DIFFERENCE ON AND OFF THE FIELD

**Hialeah, Florida** – Mayor Julio Robaina, the esteemed City Council and the Hialeah Optimist Club will join together to celebrate and honor the life and career of Coach Willy Scrivens. Mayor Robaina will present Willy with a Proclamation Certificate and the Hialeah Optimist Club and the Optimist Club International will also present him with awards recognizing his extraordinary achievements.

Willy Scrivens has been a part of the Hialeah Optimist Football Club for over 37 years, originally at Benny Babcock Park and later moving to the Hialeah Middle School Sports Complex in 1980. Through his perseverance and leadership, he has always been committed to making the vision of the Optimist a reality. He has always exemplified the legacy of the Hialeah Optimist Club and what it stands for. He has voluntarily served as a distinguished past President, Board Member, Coach and continues to serve as a Board Member today.

Willy has been the recipient of one of the highest awards given by Optimist International, the Outstanding Volunteer Award for his work in the Optimist community. Willy has dedicated his entire life to the youth of this community serving as a role model and mentor to many children. Willy was known for the "Willy Scrivens Jitney," where as a Coach he would drive around the community picking up kids for football practices and games who otherwise would not have been able to attend or play. Many of those same lives that Willy touched are today model citizens in our community who have gone on to do great things. Willy was always the first one at the field and the last one to leave; he will continue to be an integral part of the Hialeah Optimist family forever through its grand legacy; *his* work will never be forgotten.

**When –** Saturday, August 8, 2009 at 11 a.m.

**Where –** Hialeah Middle School Sports Complex - 6027 East 7 Avenue

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